

REMARKS

In an Office Action dated March 16, 2005, claims 1-17 and 21-29 were rejected, claims 30-39 were allowed and claims 18-20 were held allowable but were rejected to. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and allowance of all of the presently pending claims.

All of the rejections under 35 USC §102(b) and §103(a) have been obviated by the amendments above.

In the Office Action, claims 18-20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were held to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

By amendment above, claims 18 and 20 have been placed in independent form by incorporated therein all of the elements of rejected base claims 13 and 14, thereby rendering claims 18 and 20 allowable.

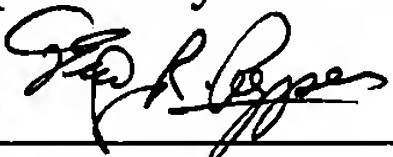
Claims 15-17 and 19-26 have all been made dependent on allowable claim 20, thereby rendering those claims allowable. Claims 27-29 remain dependent on claim 26, now allowable by virtue of the above amendment.

Claims 30-39 were allowed in the Office Action.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all of claims 15-39.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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